



WILLARD BROOK STATE FOREST

2017 JUNE CALENDAR

Park Interpreter: Liz

Park Address: 599 Main St, West Townsend, MA 01474

Park Phone Number: 978-597-8802

All programs are free and open to the public. The daily parking fee is \$8.00 per MA vehicle \$15 Out of State. Season passes are available for \$60 MA Vehicles and \$120 out of state. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note all programs are weather pending. Scheduled programs will be relocated to the Nature Center if raining.

For more information please call the park, or visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/willard-brook-state-forest.html>

Sunday	Monday	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Nature Center Open House 1:00-4:00	3 Nature Center Open House 1:00-2:00 KIDleidoscope 3:00-4:00
4 What's Wild At Willard Brook? 1:00-2:30 Nature Center Open House 3:30-5:00	5 Nature Center Open House 1:00-3:00	6	7	8	9 Nature Center Open House 9:00-12:00 Forest Detectives 1:00-2:00	10 KIDleidoscope 2:00-3:00 What's Wild At Willard Brook? 4:00-5:00 Nature Center Open House 6:00-7:00

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

<p>Nature Center Open House</p>	<p>Stop by the Nature Center at Damon Pond to meet the new Park Interpreter, Liz. This program is a good introduction to many fascinating features and creatures of the park both present and past. This month, come explore 12 interactive stations to learn more about the woods and things that reside in it. Every week will host a new take home craft. Recommended for all ages. Come and go as you please during the listed times. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian</p>
<p>KIDleidoscope</p>	<p>Meet the Park Interpreter at the Nature Center at Damon Pond and join in for this fun, hands-on experience- based upon some favorite nature-themed children's stories. You'll hear a story, participate in an activity, and make a craft to take home with you. This program is designed to help young children understand the natural world around them while having fun. Please dress for the weather, and wear shoes suitable for possible outdoor activities, such as a game or short nature walk. Recommended for ages 4-10. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian</p>
<p>Welcome Campfire</p>	<p>Meet the Park Interpreter and learn the basics of campfire safety and how to build a campfire. We will sing songs, and you'll hear some stories about Willard Brook and Pearl Hill that may surprise you. Bring your own marshmallows or s'mores ingredients. Bring a chair, water, and insect repellent if desired. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Welcome campfires this month will be at the Pearl Hill Ball field.</p>
<p>What's Wild at Willard Brook?</p>	<p>Want to know who's been around the park lately? Meet at the Nature Center at Damon Pond and join the park interpreter for an easy to moderate hour walk with interpretation based upon things living in the State Forest. The trail will be no more than a mile length in total! If the group is interested, we may even stop for some related nature activities. Wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, and bring water. Be prepared for possible muddy and uneven terrain. Bring insect repellent if desired. This program is suitable for children over age 6, accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.</p>

<p>An Amphibian Lifecycle</p>	<p>See the life cycle in action right here at Damon Pond and Pearl Hill! When this program is listed at Damon Pond, meet at the Nature Center; when listed at Pearl Hill, meet in front of the contact station. Come learn about amphibians such as frogs and salamanders that are living here at the State Forest, and join the Park Interpreter as we search for some of them. How many can you find on the land versus in the water? Let's look together and then work on identifying them and how they can help us. Some short uneven trail walking required to get to the water. Please be prepared to potentially get your feet wet, and wear shoes accordingly. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.</p>
<p>Water Safari</p>	<p>When this program is listed above at Damon Pond, we will start at the Nature Center, when listed at Pearl Hill we will begin at the Contact Station. Join the Park Interpreter for this hands-on activity that will show what organisms live in our various water ecosystems. We will provide everything you need for exploring near the shore. This program is recommended for children ages 5 and up (<i>younger children also welcome</i>). All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Be prepared to get your feet wet. Water shoes or shoes you don't mind getting wet are recommended.</p>
<p>Forest Detectives</p>	<p>Meet at the Nature Center at Damon Pond and prepare to intrigue your senses. Investigate the secrets of Willard Brook as we unwrap or use our sense of touch and smell to identify several mystery objects, and discover their importance to this beautiful park. All ages welcome, all children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.</p>
<p>Evening Encounters</p>	<p>Meet the Park Interpreter for an evening of learning, activities, and games. When this program is listed at Damon Pond, meet at the Nature Center; when listed at Pearl Hill, meet in front of the contact station. What things come out at night, and will you be able to find signs of them? What things in nature can light up the night? All ages welcome, but recommended for ages 8 and up. Please wear comfortable shoes. The Park Interpreter will have a head lamp, but feel free to bring your own flashlight as well. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Note: For last 30 minutes of this program on Saturday, June 17th, we have a special opportunity to include the Student Conservation Association (SCA). They will conduct a hands-on program for all ages about Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics and how you can protect your campgrounds and hiking trails for the future.</p>

